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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Keiichi SAKAI, et al.) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/653,210) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: September 3, 2003)
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PROGRAM)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is also enclosed. A PCT Search Report, dated October 28, 2003, from a counterpart application and citing the listed documents is enclosed for the Examiner's convenient reference.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is believed to be required. However, the Commissioner is hereby

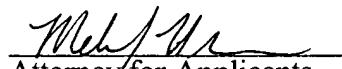
authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned, indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	EP 0 872 827 A2	10/21/1998	Europe			In English
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	David Goddeau, et al., "A Form-Based Dialogue Manager for Spoken Language Applications", MIT Laboratory for Computer Science, pp. 701-704, October 3, 1996.

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